

Sir, it is not a matter of so much importance to the great body of the community, whether A or B is judge; but they are all interested and deeply interested in having the duties of the station well performed. The great object is not to provide stations for a few individuals, for but

to secure the best men of the thirty, a compromise in the number of years. I believe that either six or eight years is too limited. If the number of years shall be fixed at six, and the number of judges reduced to twelve, as proposed in this report, my word for it, and I call the convention to witness it this day, it will be the greatest misfortune that ever befell this country. What man of the proper character, able and willing to learn in the science of the law, and the situation of circumstances under such circumstances? There would be accepted only by men wholly unfit for the place, and who could not make their salt at the bar. I am fully satisfied that this will be the case if the term is reduced to six years, and the judge made re-eligible. I am against re-eligibility if you give a fair term and proper salary. My favorite idea is, that no man

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So the amendment was rejected.
The section was then adopted.

there will be perhaps no better opportunity to test the views of this convention, as to whether the judges shall be liberally compensated for their services. I am disinclined, however, to fix either a minimum or maximum salary in the constitution, for there is great sensitiveness on the sub-

